

Remarks

Claim 31 is pending in the subject application. Claim 31 has been amended to better clarify that which is being claimed.

The Examiner has asked that Applicants clarify what priority date should be used for examination purposes of the pending claims. The Examiner has indicated that he has assigned 6/19/2000 as the priority date. Applicants confirm that this is the appropriate priority date to use. The parent application serial number is 09/597,360.

Claim 31 is rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, as lacking antecedent basis. Applicants assert that the amendments to claim 31 obviate this rejection. Reconsideration is requested.

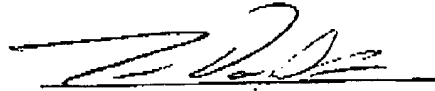
The title of the invention has been amended above. The new title is more clearly indicative of the invention to which the claims are directed.

The Abstract of the Disclosure has been amended above. The new abstract is more pertinent to the invention currently claimed.

Applicants have made a diligent effort to place the claims in condition for allowance. However, should there remain unresolved issues that require adverse action, it is respectfully requested that the Examiner telephone Timothy H. Van Dyke, Applicants' Attorney at 407-926-7726 so that such issues may be resolved as expeditiously as possible.

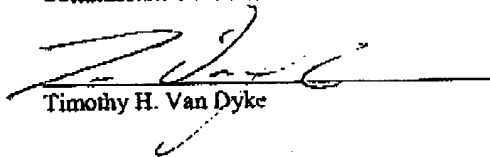
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For these reasons, and in view of the above amendments, this application is now considered to be in condition for allowance and such action is earnestly solicited.

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